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earliest settlers emigration was forbidden by England, and consequently those who then came stole away as quietly as possible, leaving little or no record behind to which we can now refer, and preserving also, after arrival here, but meager data relating to their antecedents or earlier history; hence the chronologist who at this later date seeks to compile the genealogical record of any particular family line not previously traced, must, with but few exceptions, rely entirely upon the church, town, real estate and probate records of the county and the period of the life of the subject of search, although many valuable suggestions are obtainable from such historical and genealogical publications as today exist, for in their citations and intermarriage references direct clews are often secured.

In church, town, real estate and probate records satisfactory evidence can generally be obtained, and this, too, in corroborative form, if patient, painstaking effort is expended.

Since 1890, a period now of about nine years, I have with reasonable diligence prosecuted careful search for an account of my father's family, together with such record of its branches as I have been able to gather, and while it is not my intention to now desist from further effort in same direction, I yet feel the following account is sufficiently full to prove of interest and value to others interested as am I, and

also being complete as it is in its connections of the main line of the Butler family back to Lieut. William Butler, of Ipswich, Massachusetts, will, if preserved, form a basis for such further search and enlargement as any of my kin may care to make.

FRANK O. BUTLER. September 1, 1899. Chicago, Illinois.

Lieut. William Butler, of Ipswich, Massachusetts, born 1653, married in 1675 (then aged twenty-two) Sarah Cross, daughter of Robert Cross, senior, of Ipswich, as appears from a deed (Vol. 26, p. 91, Essex Deeds) where William Butler, January 29, 1711, gives to his son Ralph "one half of the house I now live in - that is, the northwest end, the old end that father Cross lived in - with two acres of tillage, etc." This farm was in Chebacco (the part of Ipswich now Essex) and had been bought by William Butler in 1695 and 1699 of Capt. Stephen Cross and Robert Cross, Jr., sons of Robert Cross, Sr. (Essex Deeds, Vol. 10, p. 163; vol. 12, p. 53). It is in the deed of Capt. Stephen Cross, June 15, 1699, that is found the first mention of William Butler as lieutenant; in other deeds he is called "senior," "farmer" and "yeoman," yeoman being a term then used to signify a freeholder of land, and in England signifying that class next in order to the gentry. William's wife Sarah died before July 21, 1703, when he married Mary Ingalls, and he married again (int. pub. October 3, 1713) Abigail Metcalf. She survived him, marrying, June 16, 1731, Lieut. Simon Wood, and dying October 16, 1732, aged sixty-seven years, which makes her date of birth 1665. Lieut. William Butler, of Chebacco, departed August 2, 1730. The will of Lieut. William Butler, of Chebacco, in Ipswich, is on file at

Salem, made October 26, 1725, and proven August 18, 1730: "of perfect mind and memory, but calling to mind the mortality of my body," he leaves to well-beloved wife Abigail one-third of his household effects, "except such as belonged to Mary, my former wife," £7 yearly "while my widow," with a convenient apartment in dwelling house, etc.; to grandchildren - children of son William - certain land, explaining that it is not more because of his having given his portion to their father (who was then deceased): "To son Thomas Butler, 4 acres salt marsh with islands, also 6 acres woodland in Gloucester bounds, bounds beginning at a hemlock tree at northeast with a line to Joseph Ingalls' land; south on John Cogswell, west on my other land, and north on land of Michael Farlowe (Farley)." This is given to Thomas on condition that "when my sons Samuel and John come of age and said Thomas sees cause to sell his right in sheep commons of Ipswich they shall have it. paying him £7 therefor."

"To son Ralph my malt house and land his house and

barn now stand upon. The damed manufactor all

"To daughter Sarah Bayley, 20/. [Sarah probably married John Bayley as he calls William Butler "father Butler," October 19, 1733.]

"To daughter Hannah Andrews £10. [Joseph Andrews

married Hannah Butler November 1, 1704.]

"To daughter Elizabeth Burnam (?) [married Josiah Burnam pub. December 1, 1717.]

"To daughter Mary Butler (?) [married Daniel Giddings March 30, 1726.]

"To grandson Job Giddings and granddaughter Sarah Bennett. (?)

"Remainder of estate in Ipswich and Gloucester to sons Samuel and John, they not to sell any land except to each other while my wife remains my widow. Trusty and well beloved friend William Giddings, of Chebacco, senior, sole executor.

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"WILLIAM W BUTLER. W
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"Witnessed by Joseph Goodhue.

"John Goodhue, Jr.
"Samuel Ingalls."

The property inventory of Lieut. William Butler, of Ipswich, taken October 15, 1730, by Thomas Lufken, John Burnam and William Haskell, amounts to £1,378 7s. 6d. Among the items are one-half pew in Chebacco meeting house, homestead with seventy-one acres of land, valued at £916. Eighty acres lands besides, valued at £200.

Children of Lieut. William Butler (2, 3 and 4 on record as of William and Sarah):

1. William, born June 15, 1677 (Essex County Records).

He married Susanna and had six children recorded between 1715 and 1723, viz., William, Susanna, Elizabeth, Jonathan, Sarah and Mary.

William Butler, Ir. died May 25, 1723, and his widow.

William Butler, Jr., died May 25, 1723, and his widow Susanna married February 10, 1728, "Mr." Jacob Perkins, of Ipswich.

- 2. Sarah, born July 23, 1680; married John Bayley.
- 3. Thomas², born September 15, 1682; married Abigail
 Andros, Martha Storye.
- 4. (Ralph, born September 15, 1682; died May 1684.
- Ralph, born—; married (pub. February 2, 1711-1712)
 Mary Marshall.
- Hannah, born —; married November 1, 1704, Joseph Andros (Andrews).
- 7. Elizabeth, born —; married (pub. December 1, 1717),
 Josiah Burnham.
- 8. Samuel, born (not of age 1725) died about 1733.

- 9. John, born -; married April 16, 1730, Hannah Perkins.
- 10. Mary, born ; married March 30, 1726, Daniel Giddings, Jr.

One daughter of Lieut. William Butler married "Job Giddings Taylor," whom in a deed December 23, 1701, he calls his son-in-law. He was probably a former husband of one of the above daughters.

The order of birth of the last six is not known, but the last four must have been by the second wife, Mary. (On page 40 of the Hammatt Papers, giving early inhabitants of Ipswich, is found a corroborative account of some of the principal points above named; Savage's Genealogical Dictionary also names some.)

The third child of Lieut. William Butler and Sarah Cross his wife, was Thomas Butler, of Chebacco, in Ipswich, born September 15, 1682, his twin brother Ralph dying May, 1684. Thomas married August 29, 1704, Abigail Andros (Andrews). He married second time (pub. January 16, 1719-20) Martha Storye, of Ipswich.

Thomas Butler, cordwainer, and wife Abigail, appear in a deed of March 12, 1710-11 (Vol. 23, p. 73) and often after Thomas Butler, cordwainer, and wife Martha. That he was the Thomas mentioned in the will of Lieut. William Butler as his son is proved by a deed (Vol. 57, p. 176) where Thomas Butler, of Chebacco, cordwainer, May 8, 1719, exchanges certain woodland with Samuel Cogswell for a six-acre wood lot in Gloucester; "Lieut. Wm. Butler, senior, of Chebacco," in the same deed quitclaiming his right in said land exchanged by his "son Thomas."

The children of Thomas Butler by his first wife Abigail Andrews, as well as the older of those by his second wife Martha, are not on record. As appears by deeds of gift, however, he had by first wife Abigail sons Thomas, Stephen, and probably daughters also.

By a deed (Vol. 66, p. 257) Thomas Butler, cordwainer, and wife Martha, "for love and affection," give to his son Thomas, cordwainer, March 10, 1731-2, an undivided half of new right in Pond neck division, number 5, in Chebacco eighth, five acres.

Again, Thomas Butler and wife Martha gives to son Stephen six acres in Chebacco, January 16, 1733.

Thomas Butler, Jr., also received from his Uncle Samuel Butler (died about 1733) another half in Pond neck division, Chebacco eighth, five acres, deed dated March 15, 1731-2, in which Thomas Butler, Jr., is called "fisherman" and "cousin" of Samuel (cousin being then what we now call nephew).

Thomas Butler and wife Martha were dismissed from the Chebacco Church to that of Hopkinton (Middlesex County) in 1744. They do not appear, however, in the list of Hopkinton Church members, unless the wife was a Martha Butler who joined February 1, 1756, twelve years later.

Children of Thomas 2 Butler, as far as found, are:

- 1. Thomas ⁸, born probably about 1705; married Abigail Crafts.
- 2. Stephen, born —; married Sarah. He was wheel-wright of Ipswich and later of Gloucester. In Chebacco Church records he has baptized: Stephen, baptized September 5, 1731; Sarah, baptized March 24, 1733-4; Mary, baptized May 23, 1736.
- 3. Elizabeth, baptized September 3, 1727.
- 4. Aaron, baptized March 23, 1728-9.
 - 5. Ruhamah, baptized May 28, 1732.
- 6. Hephzibah, baptized June 27, 1736.

Thomas Butler, of Chebacco and Ipswich, and Abigail Crafts, of the same place, published their marriage intentions January 13, 1731, and were married March 9, 1732. Their children were (see Butler Families of Windham):

- 1. Thomas⁴, born June 23, at 5 o'ye'clock in the morning of Sabbath Day, 1734.
 - 2. Eleazer, born September 24, 1736.
- 3. Benjamin, born April 21, 1739.
 - 4. Abigail, born January 10, 1743-4.

Abigail, wife of Thomas, died January 11, 1743-44.

Thomas³ Butler married Deborah Meacham, September or November 7, 1744-5, Deborah dying March 3, 1748-9.

Thomas⁸ Butler married his third wife Thankful Luce June 17, 1749, and unto them were born:

- 1. Mary, born 20, 1750.
- 2. Deborah, born March 22, 1752.
- 3. William, born January 27, 1754.
- 4. Hannah, born February 2, 1756.
- 5. Sarah, born March 14, 1760.

Thomas Butler, Jr., son of Thomas Butler and Abigail Crafts, and born June 23, 1734, was married January 19, 1757, to Elizabeth Holt, daughter of Zebediah Holt. Their children were:

Stephen, born August 28, 1757.

Zebediah⁵, born April 13, 1759.

(See manuscript genealogy compiled by William L. Weaver, of Windham, Conn., and his son Thomas S. Weaver and presented to Connecticut Historical Society of Hartford, copy from which was sent writer by Albert C. Bates, secretary and librarian.)

In the Crafts genealogy, the following appears regarding the ancestry of Abigail Crafts and the origin of her husband, Thomas Butler, which corroborates above, namely:

Lieut. Griffin¹ Crafts, of Roxbury, Massachusetts, came to America in 1630 in the fleet with Governor Winthrop. The name of his wife was Alice; one of their children was Samuel² Crafts, born in Roxbury, Massachusetts, December 12, 1637. Samuel married, in Roxbury, October 16, 1661,

to Elizabeth Seaver, born November 19, 1643, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Bullard) Seaver, of Roxbury. The youngest of their eleven children was:

Benjamin ³ Crafts, born October 23, 1683. He married, January 10, 1705, Abigail Harris, born September 16, 1683, daughter of John and Mary (Sawyer) Harris. One of their children was Abigail ⁴ Crafts, born in Roxbury January 19, 1708. She married, in Ipswich, Massachusetts, March 9, 1732, to Thomas Butler, of Ipswich, Chebacco Parish, the church record of which gives the baptism of the following children:

Thomas Butler, baptized June 23, 1734.

Eleazer Butler, baptized September 26, 1736.

Benjamin Butler, baptized April 22, 1739.

In the Holt genealogy is found the following relating to ancestry of Elizabeth Holt, wife of Thomas Butler, and mother of Zebediah, namely:

Nicholas 1 Holt, born 1602, a first settler of Newbury and Andover, Massachusetts, had, among other children by his first wife, Elizabeth, a son, Henry Holt, born in Andover, 1644. He married, February 24, 1669, Sarah Bullard, daughter of William Bullard. She died at Andover November 25, 1733. Henry, her husband, died January 17, 1719, aged seventy-five years. He was a prominent man in Andover. They had fourteen children, one of whom was:

George 8 Holt, born in Andover March 17, 1677. He married (first) Elizabeth Farnum, May 10, 1698. She died September 28, 1714. He married (second) Priscilla Preston, and after her death he married (third) Mary Bixbee. George Holt died in Windham, Connecticut, 1748. One of his children by his first wife (Elizabeth Farnum) was Zebediah Holt, born in Andover January 25, 1700. He removed with his parents to Windham, Connecticut, in 1726. They were members of the Hampton (Conn.) Church. Zebediah

married, August 14, 1732, Sarah Flint, born June 21, 1716, daughter of Joshua and Deborah (Ingalls) Flint. They had a daughter, Elizabeth Holt, born in Windham January 15, 1739, who married, January 19, 1757, Thomas Butler, born June 23, 1734. They had born in Windham:

- 1. Stephen Rutler, born August 28, 1757.
- 2. Zebediah Butler, born April 13, 1759.

 (See page 80, Holt genealogy.)

Zebediah⁶ Butler, the second child of Thomas and Elizabeth (Holt) Butler, was born at Windham, Connecticut, April 13, 1759, and about 1780 married Hannah Wales, daughter of Elisha and Meriam Wales, who once lived at Ashford, Windham county, Connecticut. She (Hannah Wales) was born June 19, 1760, and died June 19, 1815. Zebediah⁶ Butler, her husband, died September 16, 1806 (?).

The writer (Frank O. Butler) has in his possession an old family Bible which contains the following record of the births of their nine children, names:

- 1. Thomas Wales, born May 27, 181.
- 2. Zebediah⁶, Jr., born October 7, 1782.
- 3. Roswell, born June 29, 1785.
- 4. Hannah, born December 25, 1787.
- 5. John, born December 22, 1790.
- 6. Augustus, born January 28, 1794.
- 7. William Augustus, born December 31, 1797.
- 8. Betsy, born April 8, 1800.
- 9. Laura, born O milderell and an odd main as at

The first name of their sixth child above recorded, and the birth date of their ninth (Laura) are lost through defacement of record.

The exact date that Zebediah Butler, Sr., removed from Windham, or to Stafford, also the exact date his ancestors moved from Essex, Massachusetts, to Windham, writer does not now know.

Adjoining Stafford, in the town of Munson, there is a school district, known to this day as the Butler district, and adjoining Stafford, in Hampden County, Massachusetts, there is a town named Wales, so called after the family of Hannah Wales, the wife of Zebediah⁵ Butler, Sr. The Morris family, a member of which (Betsy Morris) married Zebediah⁶ Butler, Jr., also lived at Stafford, Connecticut. There were other families of Butlers (John and Nathan Butler) residing at Stafford in the middle and latter part of the eighteenth century, but from all I am able to learn they were not of immediate kin to Zebediah⁵ Butler.

Essex County, Massachusetts, and Tolland and Windham Counties, Connecticut, had been the home of the Butler, Wales and Morris families for several generations, and the remains of many of them are probably buried there.

About the year 1801, Zebediah, Sr., and Hannah Wales Butler, removed with their nine children from Stafford, Connecticut, to Roxbury, Washington County, Vermont, "an interior mountain town then wholly or nearly uninhabited, with mostly an unproductive soil, and little if any attraction for immigrants." The records of Roxbury show a number of real estate transfers. They appear in the first book of town records. Zebediah⁶, Jr., took a deed to real estate April 6, 1801. Zebediah⁵, Sr., had property conveyed to him October 20, 1802. The last conveyance made by Zebediah⁵, Sr., was November 1, 1813, wherein he states his residence is at that time at Fairfax, Franklin County, Vermont.

Zebediah⁶ Butler, Jr.'s, last sale of real estate is dated March 30, 1805. His name does not appear upon the town records after that date. Other conveyances to him are dated May 2, 1803, and October 22, 1803, the latter being witnessed by Roswell and Hannah Butler.

After remaining about three years at Roxbury the family moved to Randolph, where they remained another three

years, the survivors then returning to Roxbury. It is supposed Zebediah⁵, Sr., died at Randolph. After a second residence of a few years at Roxbury, the widow and her nine children moved to Fletcher, Franklin County, Vermont, where Hannah Wales Butler, the widow, died about the year 1816. "Her remains were interred in what are sometimes called the 'Carroll Burying Grounds,' in that part of Fairfax known as Buck Hollow. It is probable her husband was buried in Randolph, but after a lapse of nearly ninety years it is not likely any trace of his burial place can be found." It is my own opinion, formed from the reading of Zebediah⁵ Butler, Sr.'s, deed of real estate conveyance dated November 1, 1813, that the family lived at Fairfax, Franklin County, after their second residence at Roxbury, or possibly only a portion of the family returned the second time to Roxbury, and it is not impossible that it was at Fairfax Zebediah⁶, Sr., died.

Zebediah⁶ Butler, Jr., was born at Stafford, Tolland County, Connecticut, October 7, 1782. Moved with his parents to Roxbury, Washington County, Vermont, about 1801, the records showing he took a deed to real estate at Roxbury, April 6, 1801. On December 9, 1802, he married Betsy Morris, the ceremony being performed by his father, Zebediah⁵, Sr., who was a Justice of the Peace.

From Roxbury he moved (1810), with his wife and two children, to Rochester, Vermont, where he lived about sixteen or seventeen years, five children being born to them there.

From thence, about 1827, they removed to Essex, Vermont. There their youngest child, Julius Wales Butler, was born, May 7, 1828.

June 2, 1834, Betsy Morris Butler died of apoplexy, aged forty-six years and nine months. (See below.)

Zebediah⁶ Butler, Jr., came west from Essex, Vermont, to St. Charles, Kane county, Illinois, in 1846, where he died

of inflammation of the bowels and kidneys, February 9, 1852, aged sixty-nine years, four months, two days. His remains are interred at what is known as the Geneva Cemetery (the one called Oakhill) just south from St. Charles, on the family lot of his son Oliver Morris Butler.

Betsy Morris Butler, wife of Zebediah⁶, Jr., was born at or near Stafford, Connecticut, September 4, 1787, and as recited previously died (and is buried) at Essex, Vermont, of apoplexy, June 2, 1834, at the age of forty-six years and nine months.

They had nine children, as follows:

- Betsy, born at Roxbury, Vermont, November 22, 1804;
 died December 1, 1804.
- 2. Betsy, born at Roxbury, Vermont, February 8, 1806; died December 25, 1888.
 - 3. Hannah, born at Roxbury, Vermont, February, 13, 1809; died January 20, 1895.
- 4. Esther, born at Rochester, Vermont, August 10, 1811; died May 14, 1845.
- 5. Clarissa, born at Rochester, Vermont, November 23, 1816; died November 13, 1890.
- 6. Oliver Morris, born at Rochester, Vermont, April 3, 1819; died December 19, 1888.
 - 7. Harriet, born at Rochester, Vermont, December 1, 1822; died of pneumonia, January 25, 1899.
- Almira, born at Rochester, Vermont, August 22, 1825;
 died February 28, 1885.
 - Julius⁷ Wales, born at Essex, Vermont, May 7, 1828 (now living — September 1, 1899).

Betsy (first) eldest child died December 1, 1804, when but seven days old

Betsy (second) born February 8, 1806, at Roxbury, Vermont, came west in May, 1836, with the family of Henry Peaslee, and went to Naperville, Illinois. She returned to

Vermont, remaining there several years, after which she again came west, this time with the family of Lorin Butler. It was some time in the '40s. They located at Chicago. In 1846 she united with the First Presbyterian Church, of which she remained a member until the time of her death. She was also a member of the Calumet Club, an old settlers' club, at the time of her death. Betsy remained at Chicago until August, 1884, when she removed to St. Charles, Kane County, Illinois, where she remained until her death, December 25, 1888, aged eighty-two years, ten months. She died of paralysis of the brain, and is buried at Oak Hill Cemetery, Geneva, Kane County, Illinois, on the family lot of her brother, O. M. Butler. She was unmarried.

Hannah Butler, born at Roxbury, Vermont, February 13, 1809, came west in the fall of 1849, going directly to St. Charles, Illinois, where she resided until 1872, when she removed to Chicago, remaining there until 1884, in which year she returned to St. Charles, there residing at the home of her brother Julius Wales Butler, until her death from paralysis, January 20, 1895, at six o'clock P.M. Had she lived until the 13th of the following month, she would have been eighty-six years of age. Her remains are interred at East Geneva Cemetery, on the family lot of her brother Oliver M. Butler.

Esther Butler, born at Rochester, Vermont, August 10, 1811, came west to Toledo, Ohio, where she met and married Sylvester B. Worden. After marriage they moved to her former home, Essex, Vermont, where four children were born to them, two dying young. The two remaining—one a son, Henry Wilson Worden, the other a daughter, Mary Worden, are both still living.

The son married, and now lives at San Jacinto, San Diego County, California; has four children living, which are, I am advised, all that have ever been born unto them.

The daughter, Mary Worden, married Henry Mattoon; they have had three children, two now living. The eldest, a daughter (Hattie), married Frederick Baylis; died 1897. The other two, both sons (Charles and Frederick), are unmarried and live with parents on farm in Kane County, near St. Charles, Illinois.

Esther Butler Worden died at Essex, Vermont, May 14, 1845, of pulmonary consumption, aged thirty-three years, nine months. Her remains are buried at Essex, in the cemetery located at Essex Center, the same cemetery where Betsy Morris Butler, wife of Zebediah Butler, Jr., is buried.

Clarissa Butler, born at Rochester, Vermont, November 23, 1816, married David Tyler, widower (first wife being daughter of Roswell Butler), at Essex, July, 1838, seven children resulting, namely, Martha, Julius, Edwin, Warren O., Frederick C., Henry and Frank P., in seniority ranking as given.

Clarissa Butler Tyler died November 13, 1890, at Chicago, of paralysis, aged seventy-four years, and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery, Chicago.

Oliver Morris Butler, born at Rochester, Vermont, April 3, 1819. When but seven or eight years of age his parents moved with their family to Essex, locating their home on the bank of Winooski River, at a point known as Hubbell's Falls. Several manufactories were established there, among them a paper mill, in which Zebediah⁶ Butler, Jr., was interested, and it was here that the son Oliver learned papermaking. After the business misfortunes of Zebediah⁶ Butler, Jr., the mill property fell into the hands of James I. Cutler, for whom Oliver worked, and who became considerably indebted to him for services rendered, which indebtedness he either could not or would not pay him money for; hence Oliver

was compelled to take paper in satisfaction of his claim. The paper was of a quality known today as Straw Wrapping, and in the hope of finding a favorable market for it, he brought it west, when he came, as he did, in 1841, at the age of twenty-five years; but the venture, while unsuccessful (netting him a loss of about \$200), was yet what we might properly consider the starting point of the present J. W. Butler Paper Company.

Oliver went directly to St. Charles, embarking at once in a general merchandise business, and shortly afterward starting a wrapping paper mill with outlet for product at

About the year 1850, Oliver built, at St. Charles, a large and complete mill for the manufacture of print, this being the first of its kind erected west of Pittsburg; this mill was built on the east bank of the Fox River. Later, about 1860, he built another and larger mill for the manufacture of print paper, this mill being of stone construction, located on the west bank of the river at St. Charles. It was burned during the war, and the ruins are today standing, the property being still in the hands of members of the family. In 1844, a store was started in Chicago for the distribution of the product of the St. Charles mills, and a few years later Julius⁷ W. Butler, a younger brother of Oliver, was placed in charge. Shortly after the burning of the St. Charles mill, Oliver M. Butler entered into the manufacture of strawboard at Lockport, in which business he continued until the time of his death. In October, 1847, he married Reform Willard, at her brother's farm, about twelve miles east of Janesville, Wisconsin. Six children were born, all at St. Charles, as follows: 1. Louise, born August 22, 1848; died at St. Charles,

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^{2.} Emma, born March 13, 1850; died at St. Charles October 18, 1851. Almira Butler was born at i

- 3. Clara, born February 2, 1857; died at St. Charles March 10, 1862.
- Eva, born July 16, 1852; married James W. Ellsworth, of Chicago; died at St. Charles Nov.——
- 5. Chester, born January 31, 1855; married Jennie Butler (no kin), of Little Rock, Arkansas.
- Nellie, born May 22, 1859; married William R. Linn, of Chicago.

Oliver Morris Butler died of paralysis at Chicago, December 19, 1888, and his remains are buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Geneva, just south of St. Charles. Reform Willard, wife of Oliver M. Butler, was born May 3, 1825; died at Chicago April 26, 1887. Her remains also are buried at Oak Hill Cemetery, Geneva.

Harriet Butler was born at Rochester, Vermont, December 1, 1822. In 1847, at the age of twenty-five, she left Vermont, coming west, arriving at Chicago June 5. I copy the following short extract taken from one of her letters written to writer, and bearing date June 5, 1892:

"As this is the anniversary of my first landing on Illinois soil I thought I would write to you. Forty-five years ago today I left the steamer at the wharf in Chicago, and went to the Tremont House, taking breakfast (which, by the way, I never paid for). At 10 A.M. took the stage for St. Charles, arriving at 6 P.M. Chicago was a mud hole. I was glad to get out of it. It was a late spring like the present; heavy rains had made bad roads all the way."

From the above it will be seen that Harriet Butler went directly to St. Charles, where she made her home until the time of her death. September 12, 1888, she married Theron Baker; she died of pneumonia January 25, 1899. She also is buried on the family lot of her brother, Oliver M. Butler, at Oak Hill Cemetery, at Geneva.

Almira Butler was born at Rochester, Vermont, August

- 22, 1825; came west to St. Charles, Illinois, in 1845. January 5, 1848, she was married to George Ferson. They had four children three daughters and one son in order as follows, all of whom were born at St. Charles:
- 1. Frank Alexander, born March 15, 1849; died December 5, 1853.
- Emma Loesa, born April 9, 1853; married George Satterlee. Has had two children, only one of whom (George Satterlee, Jr.) is now living.
- 3. Ella Abigail, born October 9, 1856; died November 8, 1879.
- . 4. Ida Cushman, born July 16, 1861; died November 26, 1898.

February 28, 1885, at the age of fifty-nine years, six months, six days, Almira Butler Ferson died of paralysis and heart failure, her remains being buried on the family lot at Geneva Cemetery, whereon are also her three children, Frank Alexander, Ella Abigail, and Ida Cushman. Her husband, George Ferson, was born at Newport, New Hampshire, July 11, 1820, and now lives with his daughter Emma Loesa Satterlee and his grandson George Satterlee, Jr., at their St. Charles home. Almira Butler lived at St. Charles continuously and without interruption after coming west, until her death, as above recited.

Julius⁷ Wales Butler was born at Essex, May 7, 1828, at a place called Hubbell's Falls, about one half mile from Essex Junction on the Winooski (Onion) river, Essex Township, Chittenden County, Vermont. The house in which he was born is today standing, being located just above the dam and a few rods from the river's edge. At the age of thirteen years he moved to Hinesburg, Chittenden County, Vermont, where he lived with a Mr. Thomas W. Gibb, harness, saddle and trunk maker. Mr. Gibb was also postmaster at Hinesburg for a number of years. October 1, 1848, he removed to St.

Charles, Illinois, where he entered the employ of Oliver M. Butler and B. T. Hunt, soon afterward taking charge of their warehouse at Chicago, which afterward merged into the J. W. Butler Paper Company, of which he is today president. At St. Charles, May 27, 1857, Julius W. Butler married Julia Anna Osgood, Rev. George F. S. Savage being the officiating minister, the marriage ceremony taking place at St. Charles Congregational Church. Julia Anna Osgood was born at Cambridgeport, town of Rockingham, Windsor County, Vermont, August 28, 1827 (see Osgood family record), she being a daughter of Jedediah Osgood and Mary Bellows Osgood. Four children were born to them, as follows:

- Florence Elizabeth, born at St. Charles, Illinois, August 11, 1859; died at Paris, France, November 9, 1877.
- 2. Frank Osgood, born at Chicago, Illinois, April 22, 1861; married Fannie Maud Bremaker (see Bremaker family record), of Louisville, Kentucky, June 10, 1885, their children being: a daughter, born at Chicago, Illinois, January 26, 1890; died at birth. Paul, born at Chicago, Illinois, June 23, 1892, and now (1899) living. Julius Wales, born at Chicago, Illinois, June 19, 1895, and now (1899) living.
- Jennie Butler, born at Chicago, Illinois, May 8, 1863, died June 3, 1864.
- 4. Julius Fred, born at Chicago, July 20, 1866; married Lilly Jane Taggart (see Taggart family record), of Louisville, Kentucky, April 17, 1890, their children being: Julius Wales, born at Oak Park, January 16, 1891; died May, 1891. Russell Taggart, born at Oak Park, January 16, 1891; died March, 1891. Florence Elizabeth, born at Oak Park, July 12, 1892, and now (1899) living.